

# 2024 Getting Started in Medicine Scholarship for First Year Students

## Guidelines

The Getting Started in Medicine Scholarship for First Year Students is designed to support students pursuing a career in medicine from NSW rural communities who intend to work in rural health in the future. The Scholarship Program is open to medical students undertaking their first year of medicine at a NSW university medical school. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for a \$1500 scholarship to assist with relocation and support study commencement costs.

Applications close on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITIES

These scholarships are limited and competitive. While all eligible applications will be considered, the following applications will be given priority:

1. Greater priority to the higher the Modified Monash Model Scale of Rurality location: MM3 (low) – MM7 (high) (find Modified Monash Model (MMM) classifications on the [Health Workforce Locator](#)).
2. Students from Murray Darling Medical Schools Medical Programs: Charles Sturt/WSU Joint medical program at Orange; Notre Dame Medical School; Sydney Uni Dubbo Medical Program; UNSW Wagga Wagga Medical School; UNSW Port Macquarie Rural Medical Program; UNE Medical Program which is a Joint Program with Newcastle.
3. Outcome from application assessment.
4. Demonstrated intention to work in a rural setting.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants for the Getting Started in Medicine Scholarship for First Year Students must:

1. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of NSW.
2. Have resided in a rural or remote area in NSW for a minimum of five consecutive or eight cumulative years since the age of five.
3. Provide evidence of enrolment for first year medicine at a NSW based University medical program in 2024.
4. Demonstrate a desire to contribute to the future of health in rural and regional NSW.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

You agree to:

- provide all forms and documentation as per the guidelines e.g., evidence of enrolment.
- refund the scholarship to the Health Education and Training Institute should you withdraw from your course.
- Be able to produce receipts of use of scholarship funds on request,
- participate in any future evaluation of the program.
- Declare receipt of other NSW Health scholarship or subsidies accepted.

## CENTRELINK PAYMENTS

You may need to consider the impact of this scholarship on any other payments you are currently receiving.

If you are in receipt of Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or AUSTUDY payments through Centrelink, you are obliged to notify Centrelink of your acceptance of a Scholarship as it may affect your entitlement to payment. Call 13 24 90 or visit your local Centrelink office for more information.

## WHAT IS CONSIDERED RURAL AND REGIONAL?

The term “rural” refers to areas covered by rural Local Health District:

- Far West
- Western NSW
- Northern NSW
- Mid North Coast
- Murrumbidgee
- Southern NSW
- Hunter New England (excluding: Cessnock, Maitland, Port Stephens, Newcastle, and Lake Macquarie LGA)
- Illawarra Shoalhaven (excluding: Kiama, Wollongong and Shellharbour LGA)
- Nepean Blue Mountains (Lithgow LGA only)
- South Western Sydney (Bowral LGA only)

### NSW Rural Map



## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the [online application form](#).

1. Upload evidence of your enrolment into your NSW University medical program (provide this as a PDF file).
2. As part of this application, please respond to the following questions and upload your responses in one document:
  - Describe how this scholarship will assist you to contribute to the future of rural and regional NSW Health.
  - Outline any special considerations that the assessment panel should be aware of.

**Applications must be received by Health Education and Training Institute by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**No applications will be accepted after this time.**

## SCHOLARSHIP TIMEFRAMES

EVENT	DATE
Getting Started in Medicine Scholarship for First Year Students Scholarship opens	5 February 2024
Scholarship closes	12 April 2024
Applications reviewed	April 2024
Notification of outcomes to applicants	6 May 2024
Acceptance of scholarship by applicant	21 May 2024
Payment transferred	30 June 2024

## WHO DECIDES?

A Review Panel will determine the 2024 Getting Started in Medicine Scholarship for First Year Student recipients. The Panel's decision will be final and there will be no appeal mechanism.

## WHEN WILL I KNOW?

All applicants will receive a confirmation email about the outcome of their applications from the Health Education and Training Institute by early May 2024.

Payment will be made by Electronic Funds Transfer in one instalment, into the recipients selected account.

**The decision of the Health Education and Training Institute is final and there is no appeal mechanism.**

## CONTACT

For inquiries or assistance with applications please contact [MOH-RuralScholarships@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MOH-RuralScholarships@health.nsw.gov.au)